

DENTAL BOARD[650]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Iowa Dental Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 11, “Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene,” and Chapter 12, “Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to establish Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS) as the examination the Dental Board will recognize for purposes of licensure in Iowa as a dentist or dental hygienist. The amendments remove Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB) and American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) from the list of allowable examinations for purposes of licensure in the state.

These amendments are subject to waiver or variance pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code 650—Chapter 7.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments no later than 5 p.m. on December 21, 2010. Such written comments should be directed to Melanie Johnson, Executive Director, Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687. E-mail may be sent to Melanie.Johnson@iowa.gov.

Also, there will be a public hearing on December 21, 2010, beginning at 2 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments. Any person who plans to attend the public hearing and who may have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

These amendments were approved at the November 2, 2010, special teleconference meeting of the Dental Board. The Board ratified the recommendation of the Dental Hygiene Committee of the Board regarding the proposed changes for the dental hygiene examination for licensure.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 147 and 153.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **11.2(2)“e”** as follows:

e. Evidence of successful completion of the examination taken in the last five years, with resulting scores, administered by ~~the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.~~, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS) ~~, or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB).~~

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **11.5(2)“e”** as follows:

e. Evidence of successful completion of the examination taken in the last five years, with resulting scores, administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. ~~or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.~~

ITEM 3. Amend rule 650—12.1(147,153) as follows:

650—12.1(147,153) Clinical examination procedure for dentistry.

12.1(1) To meet the requirements for dental licensure by examination, applicants shall complete the examination administered by ~~the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX)~~, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS) ~~, or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB).~~

12.1(2) Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by ~~the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc., or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.~~

12.1(3) Prior to April 1, 1995, the examinee must attain an average grade of not less than 70 percent on each clinical portion of the examination and 70 percent on the written portion of the examination. Between April 1, 1995, and December 31, 2000, the examinee must attain an average grade of not less than 75 percent on each clinical portion of the examination and 75 percent on the written portion of the examination. Effective January 1, 2001, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by ADEX, CRDTS, or WREB. Effective [insert effective date of these amendments], the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS.

12.1(4) Each examinee shall be required to perform such clinical operations as may be required by ~~the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB)~~ for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dentistry.

ITEM 4. Amend subrule 12.2(5) as follows:

12.2(5) *Failures of other examinations.* If a dental examinee applies for ~~the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc., or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.,~~ examination after having failed any other state or regional examination, the ~~failures~~ failure shall be considered ~~ADEX, a CRDTS, or WREB failures~~ failure for the purposes of retakes.

ITEM 5. Amend rule 650—12.3(147,153) as follows:

650—12.3(147,153) Clinical examination procedure for dental hygiene.

12.3(1) To meet the requirements for dental hygiene licensure by examination, applicants shall complete the examination administered by ~~either the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS) or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB).~~

12.3(2) Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by ~~either the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.~~

12.3(3) Prior to December 31, 2003, the examinee must attain an average grade of 70 percent on the examination. Effective January 1, 2004, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS or WREB. Effective [insert effective date of these amendments], the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS.

12.3(4) Each examinee shall be required to perform such practical demonstrations as may be required by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. ~~or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.,~~ for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dental hygiene.

ITEM 6. Amend paragraph **12.4(1)“a”** as follows:

a. For the purposes of counting examination failures, the board shall utilize the policies adopted by ~~CRDTS or WREB.~~

ITEM 7. Amend subrule 12.4(5) as follows:

12.4(5) *Failures of other examinations.* If a dental hygiene examinee applies for the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. ~~or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.~~ examination after having failed any other state or regional examination, the ~~failures~~ failure shall be considered ~~a CRDTS or WREB failures~~ failure for the purposes of retakes.